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In re Application of:

Ghosh et al.

Application No. 09/851,882

Art Unit: 1619

Examiner: G. Yu

Filed: May 9, 2001

For: COSMETIC COMPOSITION WITH  
IMPROVED SKIN MOISTURIZING  
PROPERTIES

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Ghosh  
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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

### AMENDMENTS

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

2 Replace the indicated claims with:

44 (Amended) A method of reducing the rate of escape of water from the epidermis, the method comprising topically applying a moisture-loss inhibiting effective amount of the composition of claim 40 to the skin.

### REMARKS

#### Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement along with references AA-BL on June 7, 2001. The Information Disclosure Statement and the references AA-BL were received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 11, 2001, as indicated on the postcard bearing the stamp of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, which was received by